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San Pedro Fights Health Department Permit for Outfall Sewer MARCH SETS HOME BUILDING RECORD

Attorney Flays Ruling As Patterson Holds Smith for Trial

DWELLING STARTED DAILY

Permits for Month Total \$124,388 in Record Activity

APRIL OUTLOOK BRIGHT Much New Construction Is Planned, Says City Engineer Leonard

All previous records for March dwelling-house construction were broken in Torrance last month when building permits for 30 residence units were issued at the city hall. The aggregate cost of construction as shown on the monthly permits was \$124,388. In March, 1926, aggregate costs were \$182,510. The building permit record for 1927 has been increasing month by month, as the following table reveals:

January	\$ 59,275
February	62,750
March	124,388

City Engineer Frank Leonard reports that April permits will be high, as much construction is being planned now.

Recent permits issued at the city hall are as follows: Charles Canner, 1625 Cabrillo, store building, \$6000; T. J. Nestor, 210-C Cedar, three-room house, \$850; O. P. Goddard, 1308 Cota, four room house, \$2500; F. E. Vorrhees, lot 46, tract 3456, creamery building, \$7000; E. E. Lundberg, 1325 Borden, lunch room, \$500; International Derrick and Equipment Company, stucco office building, \$2500; L. P. Steple, 145, 2203 Redondo boulevard, two flats over store, \$6100; M. E. Williams, 1217 Beech avenue, five-room house, \$2500; John Holm, 1327 5th, six-room house, \$1000.

55 Mothers at Education Center

Fifty-five mothers and babies attended the last meeting of the Mothers' Educational Center, held April 4, including 15 new ones. Photos taken of the individuals will be exhibited May 2 at the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce during National Baby Week.

Sepulveda Blvd. Association To Meet at Lomita

The Sepulveda Boulevard Association will hold its annual meeting Friday night at the offices of the justice court in Lomita. Officers will be elected and committees appointed for the ensuing year. Signatures on petitions asking for the Sepulveda improvement are being secured rapidly, according to members of the association.

Use Duro-cote for that leaky roof. Consolidated Lumber Co. - Ady.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS

It is a pretty small man who will hide behind a woman's skirts these days

Torrance Quiz

How Much Do You Know About Your City?—Play This New Question and Answer Game in The Herald—Enjoy and Learn

As the chameleon changes his colors, so the American people leap from fad to fad. And today's craze, sweeping from coast to coast, is the instructive and entertaining Question and Answers game.

In compliance with the great popular interest in the Quiz game now in vogue and hoping to increase the knowledge of Torrance residents concerning the history, affairs and conditions of Torrance, The Herald today starts a new department.

It will run weekly—This Torrance Quiz. See how many of the following questions you can answer:

- 1—What is the full name of the founder of Torrance?
- 2—What are the names of the members of the first Board of Trustees of the City of Torrance?
- 3—What is the present municipal tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation in the City of Torrance, exclusive of the sum assessed for payment of interest and principal on bonds?
- 4—Why is it unnecessary to tear up a pavement in the Torrance tract to repair a water pipe, or sewer?
- 5—What kind of trees were recently planted in El Prado Park?
- 6—What would happen to the finances of the Torrance Hospital Association if the name of this city were changed?
- 7—Who represents Torrance as a director of Metropolitan Sewer District No. 5?
- 8—In view of the recent annexation election, where is the exact western boundary of Torrance?
- 9—Who is president of the Union Tool Company?
- 10—What is the blood relationship of the president of the Dominguez Land Corporation to the founder of the City of Torrance?

(ANSWERS ON LAST PAGE)

L. A. Chamber To Study Torrance As Factory City

Industrial Committee Will Hear About Local Conditions Monday

Next Monday noon the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce, manufacturers' and industrial committee will devote its meeting to a study of Torrance as a modern industrial city, according to word received yesterday by Carl L. Hyde, secretary of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce. R. D. Sanister, secretary of the industrial department of the Los Angeles chamber, notified Mr. Hyde that Torrance will be studied from all standpoints by the committee, which is active in bringing industries to Southern California.

Torrance industrial executives, Chamber of Commerce officers, and Santa Fe industrial department men will study the Torrance industrial situation to the committee.

Passion Week To Be Observed at Evening Meetings

Central Evangelical Church is planning to observe Passion Week by holding services each evening next week, except on Monday.

Rev. A. J. Boelter of Los Angeles, presiding elder of the California conference, will preach each evening, and will also preach the Master sermon on Easter morning. The people of Torrance are invited to attend these services.

Expert To Make Torrance Zone Report Tuesday

Charles Cheney to Speak Here After Study of Conditions

Preliminary report on Torrance zoning problems will be presented to Torrance officials and organization leaders next Tuesday night at a dinner at the Legion clubhouse by Charles Cheney, noted city planner, who was retained by the City Planning Commission to study the situation here.

The Board of Trustees and the Planning Commission have not wished to take any action regarding zoning until the city in its present state of development could be studied by an expert.

Water Company Office Is Moved

The offices of the Torrance Water, Power and Light Company, the Industrial Housing Corporation, and the Dominguez Land Corporation have been moved to the new Dominguez building on Cravens avenue, opposite the city hall. Water bills will be payable at the new location this month.

STATE BOARD GRANTS PERMIT FOR THE WHITE'S POINT SEWER AND PORT CITY SHOWS TEETH

Despite Saturday's ruling by the State Board of Health permitting the construction of an outfall sewer at White's Point, the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce, which has repeatedly blocked the outfall which would serve a great area in Los Angeles County, Monday instructed its sewer committee to continue to fight the case.

The permit was granted by the state authorities after exhaustive study of current and plans for disposal plants and outfall. In granting the permit the Board of Health also laid down restrictions which would guarantee coast cities against objectionable conditions due to the outfall.

One Permit Issued The permit issued Saturday was for sanitation district No. 2 alone. Permits for the other four districts included in the area to be served in Warren's original plan would increase the population served to more than 1,000,000 before 1910, the date the bonds mature.

Whether or not legal action on this ground will be instituted immediately or reserved for the time Warren shall attempt to procure right-of-way over San Pedro streets for his pipe lines from the city may be determined when Judge Hewitt returns from Sacramento Wednesday. It is planned to call property owners in the tract affected into conference with the sewer committee shortly to consider ways and means of carrying out the fight.

Arrangements for continuing the fight will be made by E. D. Seward, chairman of the chamber's sewer committee, and Secretary Roy H. Beaton.

Merrick Company House Plans For Western Avenue Program Approved; Speed Development

Pending search of the title to the 30 acres of Western avenue property purchased last week from the Jesse Wilson syndicate, the Harry H. Merrick Company of Hollywood is rushing house plans and construction details so that work on the company's big building program in Torrance may be started with a minimum of delay.

Masonic Grand Master Will Visit Torrance on April 12; All District Lodges Invited

Masons of the entire harbor district will dine at the Masonic Temple in Torrance at 6:30 p. m. April 12, the occasion being an official visit by Grand Master George L. Jones.

Minstrel Show Goes Over Big At Auditorium

A large crowd demonstrated their approval of the Women's Club show last Friday night when they filled the High School Auditorium with resounding applause at the various numbers and quips of local people and affairs.

The minstrel show has taken a permanent place among the outstanding entertainments of Torrance, and no doubt will be repeated with growing pleasure year after year.

Observations

Elmer Gantry—Headline Liars—Palmer on the War; Justices and Justice—An Oriental's View; An Old Soldier's Desires

By W. HAROLD KINGSLEY

IN his latest satire on American life Sinclair Lewis, architect of things as they are, makes a libertine a successful preacher of the gospel.

Elmer Gantry, whose swinish desires are detailed by Lewis, is a lout. He bears his slimy way through the paces of the book. And he is a successful minister of the gospel.

The reader hates Gantry and when one lays down the volume his mind is one large question:—Can a man of Gantry's nature and character be successful in the work of the church?

Whether we accept this theory or not depends on our knowledge of conditions.

It is false then the church has been slandered as it never was slandered before.

METROPOLITAN headlines exaggerate the Chinese situation. The other day we were startled to note in large type the statement, "More Americans Slaughtered by Chinese."

We read the article. One American had been killed. None had been killed before him.

We saw a headline the other evening that "Chiang Defies World." The article under the headline stated that Chiang, the Cantonese-Nationalist chief, had done so in order to establish the theory that he would be able to protect foreigners, but insisted on treaty abrogations that would bring about his aim of "China for the Chinese."

We have written headlines for several metropolitan papers. And we always were admonished, and always tried, to make the headlines conform to the news facts. Evidently conditions in big newspaper offices have changed during the past five years.

Headline writers at the present apparently receive their instructions from the circulation manager in charge of street sales rather than from the sanctum of the editor.

THROUGHOUT the state many examples of the miscarriage of justice come to light as judges of minor courts, ignorant of criminal and civil law, sit on cases where knowledge of jurisprudence is essential to fair play.

Justice of the peace should know the law. More than that, they should be above suspicion of prejudice.

ONE local vegetable man—Japanese—is very wise. He reads the papers. He seems to sense the impending conflict of the yellows and the whites.

DO you think those marines are thinking about protecting American lives and property in Shanghai? They are not. They are thinking of the novelty of the trip across the Pacific, of visiting a strange land. They thrill with the spirit of adventure and think not at all in terms of patriotism.

INDUSTRY is picking up in the east. The Atlantic seaboard manufacturing centers and those of the middle west are roused. That is good for California. Good business moves westward. Already trade is brisker on this coast than it was six months ago. (Continued on Last Page)

SUPERIOR TO HEAR CASE

Justice Patterson Rules Out Defense Evidence and Binds Smith Over

KENDRICKS TELLS VIEW Lawyer Says Hearing "Without Parallel" in History of State

After Justice of the Peace Patterson had ruled out testimony of Mrs. H. W. Lingenfelter which the defense contended was pertinent to the case, the court Tuesday bound Charles Smith, Lomita postmaster, over to the Superior Court on a charge of burglary for the asserted theft of four cigars from the Peltzer store, which Mr. Smith recently sold and which is in the same building with the postoffice.

Mrs. Lingenfelter's testimony, according to the defense, was to the effect that she heard Mr. Smith and Mr. Peltzer agree that it would be all right for Mr. Smith to take cigars from the Peltzer store in Mr. Peltzer's absence and pay for them later. Previously Peltzer had testified that no such agreement had been made. Justice Patterson sustained objection made by the prosecution and would not allow Mrs. Lingenfelter to answer the questions.

Counsel for Mr. Smith then declared that they could not rest their case without introducing testimony showing the innocence of the accused. Then came the court's decision which bound Mr. Smith over to Superior Court.

Attorney Kendrick for Mr. Smith declared that the preliminary hearing was "without parallel in the history of California jurisprudence."

Kersey To Talk Here on Public School Program

Torrance to Observe Week With Big Meeting at Auditorium

Vierling Kersey, assistant superintendent of the Los Angeles school system, will make the principal address at the meeting to be held in the High School Auditorium on Wednesday night, April 27, as the Torrance part in the national observance of Public School Week. Programs for the observance are being arranged by the Masonic lodge, but the meetings are for the public. Masonry is acting only as the medium through which the importance of the public schools may be brought home to the general public.

Cravens Avenue Corner Sells for New Record Price

Establishing a new high record price for Cravens avenue frontage, Robert D. Zener of Los Angeles Tuesday purchased the southeast corner of Cravens and 29th Prados at a figure said to approximate \$1,000. The corner has 65 feet frontage on Cravens and 130 feet on 29th Prado.

The sale was made through the agency of J. W. Macdowell.